

# THE MONITOR

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## A "WET" TEETOTALER.

We regret that by publication of the full page advertisement of The Nebraska Prosperity League we have grieved some of our warm personal friends, whose friendship and good will we most highly prize. We have, however, no apology to make for carrying this perfectly legitimate advertising. We shall be very glad to carry a full page advertisement for the anti-prohibition publicity bureau, if they will be fair enough to give it to us.

As a matter of fact, newspapers are published for the purpose of getting facts before the public. The public is entitled to have both sides of any public question presented to it, and publicity promoters have demonstrated the fact that the best way to educate the public is by liberal use of advertising space in newspapers reaching that class or portion of the public they desire to influence.

A young man who is a close reader of The Monitor said to us: "The anti-prohibition argument and facts issued by that Prosperity League in its advertisements in The Monitor are certainly convincingly strong."

No, my good prohibition friend, he is not "allied with the brewery or the liquor interests," but like ourselves, is a teetotaler. He recognizes the force of an argument well stated, and the Nebraska Prosperity League is putting its side of the case strongly. It's up to the other side to refute these statements or to counter-balance or offset them by use of the same advertising medium.

The Monitor is admittedly an influential medium, in fact, the most influential medium, of reaching the Colored people, and it is the knowledge of this fact which so greatly distressed our friends who are ardently conscientiously and unselfishly interested on the other side, that we should be carrying this advertisement, as we did in three issues and expect to carry in other issues.

But aside from selling advertising space, which does not determine the policy of a paper, we believe it only fair, however, to state what our own position is on the prohibitory amendment. We are opposed to it. And here we join issue with some of our dearest and closest friends who recently have become converted to prohibition. We respect their opinion and they respect ours. They are going to vote and use their influence for the amendment, because they believe it to be the only way to curb and eventually overthrow an admittedly great evil. We, with just as clear a conscience, intend to vote against it, because we do not believe that it will better conditions, but make them worse. We believe that the present sumptuary laws, honestly enforced, will be more effectual in making for temperance than will the enactment of a prohibitory law which will not be enforced, and, in our judgment, will make for espionage and hypocrisy. This is our opinion. Locally, we know that this

is not the popular side. Of course, it's easier and pleasanter to be on the popular side. But from childhood we have been taught to stand for what we honestly believe to be right and we have striven to be true to that teaching.

We shall give our reasons for opposing prohibition more extensively in a future article, but we want to make it known now just what our position is. Paradoxical as it may seem, although a teetotaler, in the political parlance of the day, we are "wet."

## THE PARAGON

In the days of our adolescence we were taught that George Washington was America's greatest man, the Father of his Country. We read of his masterly conduct of the revolutionary war, we lingered over his state papers so pregnant with wisdom and regarded his farewell address as a classic. But now we know that Washington was a lemon.

Jefferson, too, claimed a share in our admiration of America's great men. His immortal declaration was memorized by everyone of us and we wondered whence came the vision so deep and wide. His Virginia letters still stand in the bookcase and when we read them we say: "Here was a statesman!" But it is all wrong, father, it's all wrong. Jefferson was a joke.

There was another tall, lanky, homely man who made his way from a cabin to the nation's mansion. In all the times of men we have never found a character so broadly human, so kind, so lovable, so truly great as he who was called Abe Lincoln. Even the world proclaimed his genius, but we have found out that the world's opinion is bunk. Lincoln was a huge mistake.

The only great man the world has ever had is Woodrow Wilson. True, he has messed up everything he ever tried to handle; true, he has broken every promise he ever made; true, he has mistaken petty politics for statesmanship; true, he acts first and thinks afterward, but the Democrats have placed the chaplet of immortal fame upon his brow and we fall down and worship. Let the waves of years sweep on to the ocean of ages; let world memories fade away like shadows into dusk; for all future days let us write human deeds upon the seashore sands. The human paragon is here, but durned if we will ever want him to be president again.

## IN PASSING

A tall white fireman was standing at 24th and Leavenworth, waiting for a car, when accosted by a well-dressed man of the same race.

"What is there to the charge that the Colored firemen were responsible for that woman's death?" he asked.

"Nothing," replied the fireman. "If she could have been saved the Colored boys would have saved her.

That's what we white firemen think about it."

"So do I," replied the inquisitor.  
Thank you, gentlemen, so do we.

## WHO ARE THEY?

We have it upon the most excellent authority that certain of the

county commissioners have told some candidates for county offices not to take seriously the appointing to office of Colored men. They say a promise is merely political bait to catch votes. We guess it is about time for The Monitor to get busy and separate the wheat from the chaff.

## Omaha National Breaks Record of City With \$19,415,806 in Deposits.

The top notch of all bank deposits in Nebraska's history has been attained by one of the Omaha banks, the Omaha National, this month. Responding to the general call of the comptroller on all banks for a statement of condition, September 12, this bank reports deposits on that date of \$19,415,806. At the last previous call, June 30, it had on deposit \$15,752,556.

Half a dozen years ago when any one of the three biggest banks in Omaha attained deposits of \$13,000,000 or so, it was accounted a big event.

## The Omaha National Bank

CAPITAL - - \$1,000,000.00  
Surplus and Profits - 1,000,000.00

Pays 3% on Savings--Compounded Semi-Annually

## McQuillin

1512 Farnam Street

JOHN B. STETSON HATS  
HIGH GRADE FURNISHINGS

"The House that Jack Built"

## Sheet Music

THE MUSICAL HITS OF ALL PUBLISHERS  
10 TO 30 CENTS.

## HOSPE MUSIC SHOP

ED. PATTON, Manager.

## YOUR VOTE, PLEASE

—FOR—

## MIKE L. CLARK

For Sheriff

Republican.

Election Tuesday, November 7th.

## EMMET G. SOLOMON

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR

## COUNTY TREASURER

RESIDED IN THE COUNTY 48 YEARS. WAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER-COMPTROLLER 1906-1909, AND CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY AND CITY

EXPERIENCED

TREASURER 1910 TO DATE

BUSINESS

SERVICE